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Welcome to the February 2012 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. Congratulations to all the New York Giants football team for coming out on top in a very exciting Superbowl game this year. The 25th annual NASWA Winter SWL Festival is just a few weeks away now. For those of you attending, please stop by at the Radio HF/CIDX display to say hello. It should be a great event, particularly with a third day being added this year to mark the 25th anniversary. Special thanks go out to Richard Cuff and John Figliozzi, known to all as "The Festmeisters" for all of their hard work and dedication in staging this event each year. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Check out all the details on the NASWA SWL Winterfest 25th anniversary event at

http://www.swlfest.com <http://www.swlfest.com/>

Please note that the Hamfest/Fleamarket Zone is filling up quickly with upcoming events for 2012. If you have a hamfest, fleamarket, convention or other radio related event coming up, please send me the details and I will publicize it in the Newsletter for you.

Our Monthly Special Zone for February features information on World Radio Day, National Green Week, St. Valentine's Day and the St. Valentine's Day Massacre,

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to the horn of Africa to the country of Djibouti. Officially the Republic of Djibouti, it is a country in north-east Africa. It is bordered by Eritrea in the north, Ethiopia in the west and south, and Somalia in the south-east. The remainder of the border is formed by the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden at the east. Djibouti, which had a population of 818,159 at the 2009 census, is one of the least populous countries in Africa. Islam is the largest religion in the country, practiced by 94% of the population. The land was known as Obock and French Somaliland in the 19th century; in 1967, it changed its name to Afars and Issas after new treaties with France. The territory was declared an independent nation in 1977 and changed its name to the "Republic of Djibouti" after its principal city. Djibouti joined the United Nations on September 20, 1977. While Djibouti is an independent sovereign state, it maintains deep French relations, and through various military and economic agreements with France, it receives continued security and economic assistance.

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None this month

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Well we managed to do a little better this month. We have a total of 5 contributors. Thank you for your input. I'm sure we can do much better though. Please send along an interesting link, or two, to share with your fellow subscribers.

Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Ed Cummings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Steve Marlow, Kamloops, British Columbia

Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

GREEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION NATIONAL GREEN WEEK

http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub
<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub>

National Green Week empowers students to be leaders of their own sustainability campaigns. This year, the largest waste reduction campaign kicks off February 6 - 10, 2012

WORLD RADIO DAY

http://www.academiadelaradio.es/diadelaradio/index.html
<http://www.academiadelaradio.es/diadelaradio/index.html>

On November 3, 2011, the 36th General Conference of UNESCO approved the creation of the World Day of Radio to be held each year on February 13.

HISTORY.COM'S ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day
<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day>

History.Com looks at St. Valentine's Day from many different aspects.

MYSTERY.NET'S ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE

http://www.mysterynet.com/vdaymassacre/
<http://www.mysterynet.com/vdaymassacre/>

The site that bills itself as "the place for mystery" looks at the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

THE FEBRUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of February.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February>

Also, here are some special days and events in February.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Library Lovers' Month

National African American History Month

National Parent Leadership Month

Youth Leadership Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

1 7 Women's Heart Week

5 11 Freelance Writer Appreciation Week

6 11 National Green Week

13 19 Random Acts of Kindness Week

17 20 The Great Backyard Bird Count

SPECIAL DAYS

8 Boy Scout of America Founded: Anniversary

13 World Radio Day (UNESCO)

13 Lincoln's Birthday

14 St. Valentine's Day

20 United Nations: World Day for Social Justice

20 Presidents' Day: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln Birthday

21 United Nations: International Mother Language Day

21 Malcolm X Assassinated: Anniversary

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

National Bird-Feeding Month

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2012

2012 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

2012 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education

2012 USDA Health Observances & Holidays

2012 United Nations Observances

2012 Bizarre, Crazy, Silly Unknown Holidays and Observances

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

NEW FROM YAESU

VX-8DR TRI-BAND HANDHELD TRANSCEIVER

A Devoted APRS Users Version of the VX-8R Series

The VX-8DR covers the 50/144/440 MHz amateur bands; all-band receive including AM & FM with a built-in AM antenna.

The VX-8DR APRS®/GPS/Bluetooth® Handheld Transceiver is an additional version of the VX-8R that includes not only its solid features and specifications but also new expanded APRS® capabilities to meet the needs of even the most active APRS® user. The VX-8DR has the same appearance as the VX-8R and uses the very same accessories.

Key Additonal APRS® Features of the VX-8DR compared to our VX-8R include:

Smart Beaconing Function: When using APRS® for position tracking, the beacon timing is automatically adjusted to your traveling speed and location to plot a smoother trace to match your position and movement on a map.

The number of Station List memories has increased from 40 to 50.

The number of APRS Message memories has increased from 20 to 30.

DIGI-PATH route indication function: The APRS® Packet data includes Digipeater routing info.

Heads up compass display to the GPS Screen: Your traveling direction is always toward the top of the display. The Message received LED flashing rate is selectable.

The number of DIGI-PATH route settings is increased from 1 to 7.

For complete details on the Yaesu VX-8DR, please visit the Yaesu webpage at

http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encPr\
odID=03484E782FF9B7DFA27AEE086A68F530&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0
<http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encP\
rodID=03484E782FF9B7DFA27AEE086A68F530&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0>

Yaesu products are available from Radio H.F.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE

THIS MONTH DJIBOUTI

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK DJIBOUTI

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/dj.html
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/dj.htm\
l>

WIKIPEDIA DJIBOUTI

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Djibouti
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Djibouti>

THE OFFICIAL SITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI (in French)

http://www.presidence.dj/ <http://www.presidence.dj/>

OFFICE NATIONAL DE TOURISME DE DJIBOUTI (in French)

http://www.visitdjibouti.dj/ <http://www.visitdjibouti.dj/>

The official tourism site of Djibouti

RADIO STATION WORLD DJIBOUTI

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Djibouti/radio_websites.asp
<http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Djibouti/radio_websites.asp>

This is a listing of broadcasting organizations and radio stations in Djibouti.

RADIO TELEVISION DJIBOUTI

http://www.rtd.dj/ <http://www.rtd.dj/>

The website of the official radio and television service of Djibouti.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS CYPRUS

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/djibouti.htm
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/djibouti.htm>

This is a listing of newspapers in Djibouti.

THE RADIO ZONE

RADIO NEWS WEB

http://www.radionewsweb.com/ <http://www.radionewsweb.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

RadioNewsWeb is the brainchild of John Sutton and Keith Hayes.

It was created because we felt the web lacked a good site for intelligent discussion of radio and radio issues despite the proliferation of broadcasts on the web and the tremendous opportunities which the web potentially offers for radio. As we worked on it, we realised that there wasn't all that much on the web in terms of radio analysis at all and a woeful lack of references in most general media except when there was gossip, scandal, or a business story.

We don't ignore the value of these and they'll be a significant part of this site but we would welcome feedback not only on them but also on more artistic and technical matters.

RADIO THE MAGAZINE

http://www.radiomagonline.com/ <http://www.radiomagonline.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The magazine covers radio broadcast technology - transmission, digital audio, streaming, and digital audio broadcasting - for engineers, managers and owners.

WEB SDR

http://www.websdr.org/ <http://www.websdr.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

WebSDR's are Software-Defined Radio receivers connected to the internet, allowing many listeners to listen and tune simultaneously. SDR technology makes it possible that all listeners tune independently, and thus listen to different signals; this is in contrast to the many

classical receivers that are already available via the internet. This site lists the location of the receiver; the frequency range available; and the type of antenna being used.

LIVE WORLD RADIO

http://www.liveworldradio.com/ <http://www.liveworldradio.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The webmasters claim to have the most comprehensive searchable database of internet radio stations and Podcasts from around the world available to you on the Web. You can use the quick search feature, or you can browse by Location, Genre, Language, News, Sports, Television, and Podcasts. Currently, over 12,000 broadcasters are streaming their live shows using worldwide networks from Dublin to Dubai from Alaska to Australia.

RADIO DESIGN DRAWINGS

http://radiodrawings.com/ <http://radiodrawings.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Presented here is a group of design drawings by Walter Menn executed for the Philco radio and television company during the years 1948 to 1951. These were the 'golden years' of American radio in terms of design and technical innovation, manufacturing and reach to listeners. The collection has over 100 vintage drawings and reproductions of radios, televisions, antennas and accessories. it is extremely rare to find such a comprehensive collection in such quantity and physical condition. The images here are only a partial selection and are presented in chronological order. All drawings were signed and dated (thankfully) by Walter Menn. For more information on the collection, please click on the link below. Please click on a image to see more information.

RARE MEDIUM

http://raremedium.org/ <http://raremedium.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Thoughts on commercial, subscription, and nonprofit public communications mediaa blog by Michael Soper.

DIGITAL RADIO THE SOUND OF THE FUTURE

http://www.fcc.gov/guides/digital-radio-sound-future
<http://www.fcc.gov/guides/digital-radio-sound-future>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is the Federal Communications Commission's official information page on digital radio.

HD RADIO WHAT IS IT?

http://www.hdradio.com/what-is-hd-radio
<http://www.hdradio.com/what-is-hd-radio>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page offers a guide to HD radiowhat it is and how it works.

RADIO SURE

http://www.radiosure.com/ <http://www.radiosure.com/>

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

RadioSure is a neat radio app that will open up a world of new music. This great little tool is now in its 2nd version, and it just keeps getting better! RadioSure allows you to browse through a huge variety of stations, sorting by language, country, genre and title. You can also add new stations and toggle a variety of configuration settings that run from enabling hotkeys to recording radio. There are various ways of listen to RadioSure via the main interface, minimized to a smaller bar, or minimized completely to the taskbar. The taskbar option will let you carry out the majority of actions you need by right-clicking.

N.S.A. RECEIVER DYNAMICS

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/_files/cryptologic_quarterly/Receiver_Dyn\
amics.pdf
<http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/_files/cryptologic_quarterly/Receiver_Dy\
namics.pdf>

VIA Ed Cummings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On January 11, 2012 the National Security Agency (NSA) released under a FOIA request a pre-1995 article entitled "Receiver Dynamics" from its Classified internal magazine, Cryptologic Quarterly. It contains a well-written explanation of the specifications of HF receivers used by some of NSA's K4 divisions.

RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE

EDITOR: T. J. "Skip" Arey

THE INTERNATIONAL QRP COLLECTION

Compiled and edited by Rev. George Dobbs G3RJV and Steve Telenius-Lowe 9M6DXX

Published by the Radio Society of Great Britain RSGB

$24.95 (US Price)

176 Pages

ISBN: 9781-9050-8655-9 ARRL Order No. 0020

For me, this is a very dangerous book. This is the kind of book that sends me to my basement workshop for many hours. There is no truth to the rumor that I have been treated for recurring basement mold! However, putting a book like this in my hands can get such rumors started for certain. The Rev. George Dobbs G3RJV is a long time fixture in the QRP community. He has pioneered simple home brewed circuitry in the same way the late great Doug DeMaw W1FB did on this side of the Atlantic. Together with his co-author Steve 9M6DXX, they have compiled a collection of great ham radio hobby projects from such publications as RadCom, QST, SPART, Practical Wireless, The Canadian Amateur, Lo-Key and Break In. Many of the designs presented come from the current masters of the home built radio world including such luminaries as Steve "Melt Solder" Weber KD1JV, Steve Ford WB8IMY, Rick Campbell KK7B, Wes Hayward W7ZOI and, of course The Rev. George Dobbs G3RJV himself. So

what you have is a collection of what amounts to the best of the best low power ham radio projects edited by two of the top folks in the hobby today. Since all of the circuits in this book have been previously published, I have had the opportunity to put a few of them together. I have had many hours of fun playing with these designs along the lines of what I mentioned above. Building radios is a great way to learn more about radio. If you are new to home building from the bottom up, you will be hard pressed to find a better design to start with than Wes W7ZOI's Universal QRP Transmitter found on page 64 of this excellent book. I cannot recommend this book too highly for folks who enjoy home building or who want to get started in home building.

This publication is available from your favourite radio book dealer, including Radio HF in Canada.

THE GENERAL ZONE

MASTER NEW MEDIA

http://www.masternewmedia.org/ <http://www.masternewmedia.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Robin Good is an independent new media publisher, who has converted his professional skills and interests into a self-publishing career. Robin, whose real name is Luigi Canali De Rossi, is in fact one of the first people in the world to have become fully independent by writing and sharing online about his own interests. Based in sunny Rome, Italy, Robin Good's key project is MasterNewMedia (started in 1999), an online magazine dedicated to news, skills and resources to communicate more effectively with new media technologies. As of March 2009, MasterNewMedia is one of the top 2000 world blog sites (according to Technorati) in the world, with over 600,000 unique monthly visitors, and well over 2.000,000 monthly page views.

THE ELECTRONIC INTIFADA

http://electronicintifada.net/ <http://electronicintifada.net/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Electronic Intifada is an independent online news publication and educational resource focusing on Palestine, its people, politics, culture and place in the world. Founded in 2001, The Electronic Intifada has won awards and earned widespread recognition for publishing original, high-quality news and analysis, and first-person accounts and reviews. The Electronic Intifada's writers and reporters include Palestinians and others living inside Palestine and everywhere else that news about Palestine and Palestinians is made.

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

http://freedomcenter.org/ <http://freedomcenter.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate, a museum of ideas, a site of conscience, a museum of American history, a museum of African American history, an educational resource and a center for dialogue. It plays a vital role in the US Department of State in educating representatives of

emerging democracies about the democratic process. To Cincinnatians proud of their heritage, the Freedom Center is an ongoing reminder of the region's long history of ensuring basic freedoms and human rights.

TOP 5 TRACKS

http://www.top5tracks.com/ <http://www.top5tracks.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a great site for any of you looking for new and different music. The webmasters ask different people to provide them with the top 5 tracks they are listening to right now. It could be new bands they've found; classics they've rediscovered, or only just discovered; tracks that tie in with current events; or tracks they just enjoy. The songs are listed out and, where available, YouTube links are provided so you can go and sample the songs yourself. I've already found some incredible stuff listed here. Be sure to go back and check the archives.

SHELLAC AND VINYL BLOG

http://shellacandvinyl.blogspot.com/
<http://shellacandvinyl.blogspot.com/>

VIA Steve Marlow, Kamloops, British Columbia

Here is a blog about discovering new music and artists. Steve Marlow, a radio hobbyist from Kamloops, BC, shares some of his favourite musical finds on this blog.

VJ DAY 1945 HONOLULU, HAWAII

http://vimeo.com/5645171 <http://vimeo.com/5645171>

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Great video of a Spontaneous Victory Parade in Honolulu in 1945. Take a look at this video-absolutely fabulous! Notice the cars and jeeps, youth. The guys in khaki or gray shirts and black ties are Navy officers or chiefs. The rest are Army or Marine. How young they all were to do what they did. This guy really captured a moment in history! (You can listen to Jimmy Durante singing "I'll be Seeing You" in the background, too) This is a super video of a time past - we need to remember and be THANKFUL. Check out the color fidelity. It's not bad for 1945. Nothing will ever compare with Kodachrome film.

WORLD'S LONGEST TUNNEL PAGE

http://www.lotsberg.net/ <http://www.lotsberg.net/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page features detailed information on the tunnels around the world including road tunnels, railway tunnels, tunnels under water, canal tunnels, etc.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

The ABCs of Software Defined Radio

By Martine Ewing, AA6E

Amateur Radio operators are finding themselves incorporating Software Defined Radio the latest big step in radio communications into their operational activities. From low-end QRP rigs to the most powerful radios, they're all using SDR technology.

The ABC's of Software Defined Radio is an introductory guide to SDR and Digital Signal Processing (DSP) technologies. Written in a friendly style, it offers a straightforward look inside SDR and provides a foundation for those who want to understand the subject on a more fundamental level. As you read, you'll discover the basic principles of SDR, advantages to SDR technology, and ways to utilize it in Amateur Radio operationsall with a minimum of mathematics!

Contents:

It's a New World!

The Meaning of "Digital"

Real-World Software Defined Radio

Computers and Software for SDR

Using SDR

Coming to a Shack Near You

and more!

Product Details

Softcover: 64 pages

Publisher: The American Radio Relay League, Inc.; First Edition/First Printing (February 2012)

ISBN: 978-0-87259-632-0 PRICE - $19.95 U.S. or Canadian

Shipping late February!

Where Discovery Sparks Imagination --A Pictorial History of Radio and Electricity

By John D. Jenkins

Where Discovery Sparks Imagination examines the early history of radio and electricity, presented via a marvelous collection of over 600 photographs of actual apparatus, many of which have never before been published. Beginning with the rise of electricity in the 17th century, this one-of-a-kind book follows a continuous thread of discovery and invention through electric motors, electric light, the telegraph, telephone and ultimately radio. A great way to immerse yourself in one of the greatest collections ever assembled. Anyone who appreciates the amazing workmanship and artistry of old technology will love this book!

Product Details

Hardcover: 224 pages

Publisher: The American Museum of Radio and Electricity; (May 2009)

ISBN: 978-0-9794569-0-9 PRICE - $34.95 U.S. or Canadian

Test Equipment for the Radio Amateur - 4th Edition.

By Clive Smith, GM4FZH

Many hams would like to measure the various parameters and analyze the performance of their Amateur Radio station, without the expensive professional test equipment. You'll find it's easy to make useful test equipment yourself at home.

Test Equipment for the Radio Amateur includes equipment for measuring current, voltage, value of components, frequencies, receiver performance, RF power, antennas and transmission lines, noise, and much more. For the home-brewer it features a number of projects, from a simple fuse tester to a high quality 1.3GHz signal source.

Product Details

Softcover: 256 pages

Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB); (2011)

Language: English

ISBN: 9781-9050-8672-6 - PRICE - $24.95 U.S. or Canadian

WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK - 2012 Edition

The famous "WRTH" has been respected for over six decades as the definitive source of broadcast radio information. With the help of an international network of contributors, this invaluable annual provides the latest information on mediumwave, shortwave, and FM broadcasts and broadcasters. Feature articles this year include: Tristan da Cunha, Radio Bulgaria, Radio & the "Arab Spring", Digital Update and HF Broadcasting Fifty Years. Radios reviewed this year include: Alinco DX-R8E, Papparadio, Reuters RDR54C, WinRadio Excalibur Pro, Sangean ATS-909X and Tecsun PL-660. You also get propagation predictions and maps. Country-by-country lists of services and broadcasters, winter shortwave frequencies, an expanded clandestine section, and international and domestic broadcasts by frequency and language, television broadcasters, broadcaster abbreviations, DX club information, Internet resources all this and much more has been packed into this remarkable one-volume resource.

66th Edition. 672 pages.

PRICE - $34.95 Canadian

Please visit the Radio HF webpage at

http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm <http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm> for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available from the ARRL, RSGB and other popular publishers and authors.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/ <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easyand it helps the birds.

NATIONAL BIRD FEEDING SOCIETY

http://www.birdfeeding.org/ <http://www.birdfeeding.org/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Established in 1989, the National Bird-Feeding Society (NBFS) helps make the backyard bird feeding and watching hobby better - for people and wild birds. The NBFS accomplishes its mission by connecting hobbyists with education and research about backyard bird feeding.

BUZZLE

http://www.buzzle.com/ <http://www.buzzle.com/>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Buzzle.com is comprised of a dynamic network of authors and content contributors who we proudly refer to as our Intelligent Life on the Web. As subject experts, our authors and content contributors create an informative, yet comfortable place for finding information about everything from animals to tourism. With current news in our What's the Buzz? section, thousands of interesting categories, endless entertainment from our Escape Hatch, an interactive online community, and thought-provoking polls, Buzzle.com offers a medium through which to share knowledge of the world.

THE 2012 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. This list is compiled by Radio Amateurs of Canada, and other sources.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Burlington, ON Spring Flea Market

Burlington Amateur Radio Club

Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Rd., Burlington, ON

Times: Vendors: 7 am; Public: 9 am to 12:00 noon

Admission: $6.00; Tables: $10.00

Talk-in frequency: VE3RSB - 147.210+; t = 131.8 (required)

Mail table reservations to:

BARC Spring Flea Market Tables

ATTN: Jeff Rishea, VA3CQC

2214 Belgrave Crt

Burlington, ON L7P 3R5

Phone: 905-541-1576

Email: barc.springfleamarket@...
<mailto:barc.springfleamarket@...>

Webpage: http://www.barc.ca <http://www.barc.ca/>

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Burnaby Amateur Radio Club Swap Meet

Burnaby Amateur Radio Club

Location: Sullivan Community Centre, 152nd Street and 64th Ave in
Surrey, BC

Opening times: 10:00am - 1:30pm

Cost: General Admission is $5.00 each (children 12 and under are
free). Tables are $20.00 each.

Talk-in frequency: 145.350 Mhz -600 with a Tone of 127.3 Hz

Email: club@... <mailto:club@...>

Webpage: http://www.ve7bar.org/content/swap-meet
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Saturday, March 24, 2012

Laval-Laurentides Amateur Radio Club Hamfest VE2CRL

Club Radio-Amateur Laval-Laurentides (c.r.a.l.l.)

Location: Georges-Vanier High School, 3995 boul. Levesque East, Laval,
QC GPS Coordinates; N45*35.9 W73*39.2

TALK-IN: VE2REL 147.315+

Opening times: Vvendors @7am; Public @9am

Admission: 5$ per person: $10 per table

Info: Tel: 1-514-708-8033

Email: hamfest@... <mailto:hamfest@...>

Webpage: http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca <http://www.ve2crl.qc.ca/>

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Saturday, March 24, 2012

Ham-Ex 2012

Mississauga ARC and Peel ARC

Location: Brampton Fall Fair Grounds, 12942 Heart Lake Road

Heart Lake Road and Old School Road, Brampton, Ontario

GPS 43.771218 -79.8298

Opening times: Vendors 7 am; Exhibits and Demonstrations 8am to noon

Flea market 9 am to noon

Cost: Public: $7.00

Talk-in: VE3PRC 146.880 (no tone); VE3MIS 145.430 (103.5 Hz tone required)

Email: info@... <mailto:info@...>

Webpage: http://www.ham-ex.ca <http://www.ham-ex.ca/>

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #4

RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are a great idea if you're not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF is offering gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

RADIO H.F. NATURE BOOKS DIVISION

The Radio H.F. Nature Division offers hundreds of specialty books in the fields of birding, animals, plants, etc. A complete listing of the titles is available on the new Radio H.F. web page at http://www.radiohf.ca <http://www.radiohf.ca/> . Simply click on the Canada goose!

THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962 and celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012. Our monthly electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby as well as amateur radio coverage.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@... <mailto:cidxclub@...> , with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy. Our February 2012 edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of $10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

Please visit the CIDX web page at http://www.cidx.ca <http://www.cidx.ca/>

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/ <http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/>

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 24th anniversary on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal later this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca <http://www.ckut.ca/>

You can check us out on Facebook as well at
https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/>

The International Radio Report is also rebroadcast on shortwave each week on Area 51 on WBCQ-The Planet, Sundays at 10:30 PM Eastern (0330 Monday UTC) on 5110 kHz. You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@... <mailto:radioreport@...>

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

RCI's schedules for the Winter11-12 broadcast season (30 October 2011 to 25 March 2012) have been posted on the "Schedules and Frequencies" page of the RCI website at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/
<http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/>

You will find our shortwave broadcast schedules, and also the schedules for 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East). Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada International.

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Monday to Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM (Eastern)

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Best wishes and 73 from

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